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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:


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- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents identified in the International Search Report (ISR):

D1 : CA 2400709 A (30 November 2003)
D2 : US 5951933 A (14 September 1999)

The claimed invention relates to a production of a cellulose solution which is homogeneous at low temperatures, by dissolving a small amount of the cellulose powder in concentrated liquid-state NMMO to lower the solidification temperature of NMMO, introducing the low temperature, concentrated liquid state solution having cellulose dissolved and the cellulose powder into a kneader, mixing and swelling the cellulose in the kneader to produce a paste, and then supplying the paste into an extruder to dissolve the paste in a homogeneous solution.

D1 discloses a process for producing a highly homogeneous cellulose solution, in which a mixture of powdered cellulose with polyvinyl alcohol powder is fed in conjunction with concentrated liquid NMMO into a kneader or an extruder to produce the highly homogeneous cellulose solution, or into the kneader to produce a swollen cellulose/polyvinyl alcohol paste.

D2 discloses a processes for film and fiber production involving precipitating cellulose from tertiary amine oxide solutions wherein a water soluble polymer is incorporated into the solution in an amount sufficient to slow precipitation of the cellulose during separation of the cellulose from the tertiary amine oxide.

The feature of the present invention, such as dissolving a small amount of the cellulose powder in concentrated liquid-state NMMO to lower the solidification temperature of NMMO, is not disclosed in D1 and D2. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1-7 is novel pursuant to PCT Article 33(2).

The subject matter of claims 1-7 is considered to involve an inventive step pursuant to PCT Article 33(3), since it refers to an improved process, such as a method for producing a cellulose solution which is homogeneous at low temperatures, which is not known or even suggested in the prior art, particularly in D1 and D2.

Claims 1-7 also meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), because all the claims are considered to be industrially applicable.